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Applicant : BEVAN et al.  
Appl. No. : 09/486,715  
Filed : May 24, 2000  
Title : ANALYTICAL METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREFOR  
  
TC/A.U. : 1743  
Examiner : Y. Gakh  
  
Docket No.: BEVA3004/REF  
Customer No: 23364

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of March 31, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response has been extended to expire on July 30, 2003 by the filing herewith of a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and payment of the required fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 6 of this paper.

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ATTY. REFERENCE: BEVA3004/REF

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.  
 No additional fee is required.

The fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below:

Fee Basis	Number of Claims After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Small Entity	Full Fee
Total Claims	22	- 20 <sup>1</sup>	= 2 <sup>3</sup>	$\times \$ 9 =$	$\times \$ 18 = \$36.00$
Independent Claims	1	- 3 <sup>2</sup>	= 0 <sup>3</sup>	$\times \$ 42 =$	$\times \$ 84 = \$0.00$
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Proper Multiple Dependent Claim				$+ \$140 =$	$+ \$280 =$
			<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$36.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> If less than 20 enter 20.

<sup>2</sup> If less than 3 enter 3.

<sup>3</sup> If less than 0 enter 0.

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A check in the amount of \$36.00 for additional claims; \$110.00 for extension fee; total check \$146.00 is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including fees due under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Also enclosed is/are: Amendment  
Petition for One Month Extension of Time

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DATE: July 30, 2003

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